

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims

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7. (Currently Amended) A night vision assembly comprising:

an image intensifier device including a housing and a lens assembly operatively arranged ~~therein~~ therewith for receiving low intensity light; a mounting adapter secured to said housing, said adapter being adapted to be secured to an accessory; a lens cap configured to be removably retained on said lens assembly ~~housing~~ to protect said a lens operatively associated with said lens assembly when said device is not in use; a fastener ~~protrusion~~ on one of said device or said adapter, said ~~protrusion~~ fastener having an enlarged head with a shape complementary to said lens cap so that said lens cap can be removed from said ~~housing~~ lens assembly and retained on said ~~protrusion~~ head with an interference fit when said assembly ~~module~~ is in use.

8. (Currently Amended) A night vision assembly according to claim 7 wherein said ~~protrusion is a part of a fastener securing~~ secures said adapter to said device.

9. (Currently Amended) A night vision assembly according to claim 8 wherein said lens cap and said ~~protrusion~~ head have a cross-sectional circular configurations with slightly different diameters ~~so that said lens cap is retained on said protrusion with an interference fit~~ to provide the interference fit.

10. (Currently Amended) A night vision assembly according to claim 8 wherein said fastener is a threaded screw ~~and said part of said fastener is the enlarged head of said screw.~~

11. (Currently Amended) A night vision assembly according to claim 7 wherein said ~~housing~~ lens assembly has a cylindrical ~~projection in which said lens is carried~~ portion extending from said housing and wherein said cylindrical ~~projection~~ portion and said ~~protrusion~~ head have the same configuration and diameter for retaining said lens cap.

12. (Original) A night vision assembly according to claim 7 wherein said lens cap is tethered to said device.

13. (Currently Amended) A night vision monocular comprising:

an image intensifier housing having a cylindrical portion extending beyond said housing and having a first cross-sectional diameter, in which is carried an objective lens carried in said cylindrical portion for receiving low intensity light, said housing also carrying an eyepiece for viewing a visible image;

a lens cap tethered to said housing and having a circular cross-section having a diameter slightly different from said first diameter so that said lens cap can be ~~shape and size to be~~ removably retained on said cylindrical portion of said housing with an interference fit to cover and protect said objective lens when said monocular is not in use;

a mounting adapter secured to said housing by a fastener, said adapter also including a bracket operative to secure said adapter to an accessory;

said fastener having an enlarged head ~~of~~ with a circular cross-section having a diameter substantially equal to said first diameter ~~about the same size and configuration as said cylindrical portion of said housing~~ whereby said lens cap can be removably retained on said enlarged head with an interference fit when said monocular is in use.

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15. (New) A night vision assembly comprising:

an image intensifier device including a housing with a lens assembly having a generally cylindrical portion extending therefrom, said lens assembly arranged for receiving low intensity light; a lens cap configured to be removably retained on said generally cylindrical portion with an interference fit to protect a lens operatively associated with said lens assembly when said device is not in use; a generally cylindrical protrusion extending from said assembly, said protrusion having substantially the same cross-sectional dimension as said generally cylindrical portion so that said lens cap can be removed from said generally cylindrical portion and retained on said protrusion with an interference fit when said device is in use.

16. (New) A night vision assembly according to claim 15 wherein said generally cylindrical portion and said generally cylindrical protrusion having substantially the same diameter and wherein said lens cap has a slightly different diameter to provide the interference fit.

17. (New) A night vision assembly according to claim 7 wherein said generally cylindrical protrusion is a part of a fastener securing said device to an accessory.
18. (New) A night vision assembly according to claim 17 wherein said fastener is a threaded screw and said generally cylindrical protrusion is an enlarged head formed on said screw.
19. (New) A night vision assembly according to claim 15 wherein said lens cap is tethered to said assembly.